

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

PRAYER OF PUTIN'S WAR

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 16, 2022

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, Rev. Dr. Derek W. H. Thomas, now an American citizen from Wales, United Kingdom, being the Senior Minister of the First Presbyterian Church of Columbia founded in 1795 delivered a heartfelt prayer on February 27th for the embattled people of Ukraine with love for the people of Russia. The prayer was authored by Rev. Steven D. Froehlich of New Life Presbyterian Church of Ithaca, NY.

The ministry of Dr. Thomas is so meaningful to our family with six generations having attended First Presbyterian Church of Columbia.

Lord, destroy Putin the tyrant

Lord, have mercy on Putin the man made in your image

Lord, overwhelm the Russian soldiers with the guilt of the evil to which they are party

Lord, show the Russian soldiers the forgiveness that can be theirs in Christ

Lord, guide the weapons of Ukraine to destroy the weapons of their enemy

Lord, may the Russian missiles go astray and miss their targets

Lord, as you have done before, send your angels through the camp breathing chaos and destruction among the Russian army

Lord, as you have done before, send your angels to announce the promise of peace and life in Christ

Lord, keep the Ukrainian people safe and the leaders alive, wise and courageous

Lord, may the citizens of Russia flood the streets with protest against the evil of their leaders

Lord, may the Russian fathers and mothers call to their children bearing arms to lay down their weapons

Lord, may the United States and the nations of Europe be of one mind and resolve to stand against evil, even when it proves costly

Lord, may peace return to the Ukraine and Russia

Lord, as your children were vital to the collapse of the Iron Curtain, may they once again be instruments of peace and justice

Lord, may the Gospel be proclaimed in word and deed so that in war and in peace, in life and in death, in joy and in suffering, Christ might be lifted up, loved and worshipped as the Prince of Peace.

“Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid . . . I have told you all this so you may have peace in me. Here on earth you will have many trials, but take heart, because I have overcome the world.” John 14:27, 16:33

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.”

IN RECOGNITION OF WEAVER HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING STATE TITLE

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 16, 2022

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Weaver High School wrestling team for winning the AHSAA Class 1A/4A state title in dramatic fashion.

On February 19, 2022, The Weaver Bearcats beat Ohatchee High School 82 to 81 thanks to pins by Devin Anderson and Joshua Johansson in the final two matches to secure their title win. The event was held at the Von Braun Center in Huntsville, Alabama.

Devin Anderson earned 1A–4A most valuable wrestler. This was head coach Andy Fulmer's first state title and the Bearcats' 10th state title. Their last state title was in 2004.

Madam, Speaker, please join me in congratulating Coach Fulmer, the wrestling team, students, faculty and all the fans. Go Bearcats.

JASON SLOWINSKI

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 16, 2022

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Golden, Colorado's City Manager Jason Slowinski and wish him well as he transitions to a new role at the Colorado School of Mines.

Since being appointed as City Manager in 2015, Slowinski has led the city in several key initiatives, including critical infrastructure projects such as a new interchange at 6th Avenue and 19th Street, street upgrades on North Washington Avenue, and drainage improvements along Ford Street. Slowinski also played a critical role in the Heart of Golden planning initiative to revitalize the Clear Creek corridor—and all of this under strong and transparent budgetary practices. Throughout the COVID–19 pandemic, Slowinski has worked to ensure the City's financial stability, the continuity of the City's essential services, and support the community's overall recovery.

An effective and successful city manager requires dependability, consistency, and dedication to the city's residents. Throughout Slowinski's career as City Manager he has maintained the best interest for the community of Golden and its people. I want to extend my deepest appreciation to Jason Slowinski for his contributions to the City of Golden and the State of Colorado. I wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING FRISCO ASSISTANT POLICE CHIEF GREG WARD

HON. VAN TAYLOR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 16, 2022

Mr. TAYLOR. Madam Speaker, today, I rise to recognize Frisco Assistant Police Chief Greg Ward on his distinguished twenty-nine year career in law enforcement upon his well-deserved retirement.

In 1985, Ward graduated from Southwest Texas State University with a degree in Criminal Justice. He would later go on to attend the FBI National Academy, the Senior Management Institute for Police, and would obtain a State of Texas Master Peace Officer License.

Since joining the Frisco Police Department in 1999, Chief Ward has supervised numerous departments including patrol, special operations, school resource officer programs, community services, and communications. Chief Ward was also responsible for the Investigations and Services Bureaus as well as the department's firearms program.

Given his extensive experience and active involvement, it comes as no surprise that in 2019 Chief Ward was selected to serve as the interim Chief of Police for the City of Frisco following the departure of Chief John Bruce.

A true public servant, he could often be found around Frisco engaging with residents and participating in events such as Safety Palooza, which sought to bring members of the community face to face with police and fire personnel.

During his twenty-two years of service with the City of Frisco, Chief Ward's versatile skillset made him a valuable asset to both the Department and the community. Due to his approachable nature and willingness to serve as a source of wisdom amongst his fellow officers, Chief Ward was highly regarded not only as a colleague, but also as a friend.

Chief Greg Ward made a lasting impact on the Frisco community during a pivotal time in the city's growth, and his absence will certainly be felt among many. Now upon his retirement, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in thanking Chief Greg Ward for his dedicated career in law enforcement and wish him the best as he prepares to begin a new chapter of his life.

HONORING THE EMBASSY

HON. VICKY HARTZLER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 16, 2022

Mrs. HARTZLER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor an outstanding organization, The Embassy in Sedalia, Missouri. The Embassy operates two Christian Discipleship Transitional Men's Homes to provide support to men in recovery and help them overcome

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substance abuse issues. The organization was founded in 2010 by Chris Patton, Gary Smith, and Ben Embree. The Embassy officially opened their doors on January 8, 2011, to men in the community wanting to overcome their dependence on drugs.

The mission of their ministry focuses on building a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and rebuilding a sense of self and confidence for their residents to become leaders, whether that be in their work, community, church, or family. Along with spiritual development, The Embassy provides occupational opportunities to ensure a comprehensive strategy for treatment and recovery. These jobs help bring restoration and fulfillment through purposeful employment and development of life skills.

I am proud of Executive Director Rick Rogers, and all the mentors and volunteers that have transformed so many lives. Without their assistance, much of this would not have been possible. Their commitment and devotion to the transformation of these men have helped many Embassy residents become productive members of their community. I commend The Embassy's efforts in providing such an impactful program to help the men in the Sedalia community strive to maintain a life of sobriety. I look forward to seeing their continued work in supporting men in recovery for years to come.

HONORING JOHN BLEYL, ON THE
OCCASION OF THE TWENTY-
FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF HIS
COMPANY, BLEYL ENGINEERING

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 16, 2022

Mr. BRADY. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor the distinguished career and community contributions of my dear friend John Bleyl as we celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of Bleyl Engineering.

John founded Bleyl Engineering in 1997, after recognizing the need for high quality municipal projects in Conroe, Texas. The inception of Bleyl Engineering helped jumpstart an era of record-setting growth in the Conroe community.

However, John's keen sense of entrepreneurship, strong Texas values, and reputation for faith-fueled business ethics grew the company from a boutique firm in Montgomery County to an engineering and construction management powerhouse with offices and community projects across the Lone Star State. The company now employs 100 people in Conroe, Austin, Bryan-College Station, and Tomball.

Bleyl Engineering continues to be guided by its founding vision: "to be a foundation for the advancement of stronger, safer communities across Texas." Under John's leadership, not only has Bleyl Engineering prospered as a company, but many communities now have safer intersections, accessible public transportation, critical health care infrastructure, and economic growth opportunities.

Mr. Bleyl's first-class public and private sector engineering portfolio speaks for itself. A

few notable engineering projects that highlight John's legacy across Texas include the George Bush Intercontinental Airport, the Deason Technology Park, Texas Children's Hospital, and the Fish Creek Thoroughfare Expansion. When the highest standard of engineering or project management is required, Mr. Bleyl has been consistently called upon for his efficiency, dependability, and expertise.

Bleyl Engineering has also been committed to supporting the community through various philanthropic causes. It contributes to local fundraisers through the Rotary Club of Conroe and the Magnolia Education Foundation. In addition, Bleyl Engineering sponsored a local Ironman Triathlon competitor to raise money for Syrian refugees displaced by the civil war.

Mr. Bleyl continues to serve as the City Engineer for Panorama Village and Shenandoah, but his ideas live beyond his work as an engineer. His dedication to his community is evident through his involvement in the Lazy River Improvement District Board, Lone Star Groundwater District Board, West Fork—TIRZ Board, Bryan—TIRZ Board, and the New Danville Project.

I am proud to recognize John as an outstanding member of the Conroe community and his business for celebrating a quarter-century of excellence. Mr. Bleyl is an exceptional businessman, a generous philanthropist, and the embodiment of a true Texan. I congratulate him on this milestone and look forward to his continued success.

SAVE THE LIBERTY THEATRE ACT
OF 2021

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 15, 2022

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 3197, which provides a land conveyance to the city of Eunice, Louisiana.

The Save the Liberty Theatre Act of 2021 will allow the city of Eunice to restore its historic Liberty Theatre.

This historic theatre has hosted silent films, live bands, and other entertainment over its beautiful history.

The Liberty Theatre has been a staple of Louisiana's Cajun community for nearly 100 years.

With passage of this bill, the City of Eunice can proceed with its efforts to restore the theatre as an important center of culture and tourism.

The bill will also direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey all rights, title, and interest of the federal government in specified areas of the "Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve" to the city of Eunice, Louisiana.

That area includes an annex owned by the National Park Service (NPS) that is attached to the Liberty Theatre, which is owned by the city.

The area the NPS owns is a section of the Liberty Theatre that provides a handicap accessible entrance, but this ownership interest in the property is hindering efforts to restore the theatre.

The Save the Liberty Theatre Act of 2021 would grant Eunice full ownership of the theatre property so the city can begin restoration efforts.

The theatre's stage has been dark since October 2019, and to local Cajun musicians like Joel Savoy, there is a fear that the centerpiece of the Cajun community will be nothing more than a memory.

Savoy's family is very connected to the theatre, as his parents were the driving force behind a restoration project in the 1980s to reopen the ornate building.

The theatre's return is vital to regional tourism.

Savoy, along with a handful of other Eunice residents, formed the Association for the Liberty Theatre earlier this year.

Their association is looking into ongoing revenue potential through private events, such as wedding receptions, so the theatre doesn't shutter again in a few decades.

Their goal is to renovate and reopen the theatre by 2024 to commemorate the 100th anniversary, and according to Savoy an anonymous donor has committed to donating a "substantial amount" of the projected \$2 million needed to return the theatre to its former glory.

A handful of other Eunice residents plan on launching fundraising campaigns and other public planning projects if the legislation passes.

The people of this community are willing to go the extra mile in hard work and funding to preserve this landmark that is dear to them.

I encourage all my colleagues to join me and vote for H.R. 3197.

Since the people of this community are willing to come together to revitalize this landmark, we should support them.

RECOGNIZING MR. ARMOND
MORRIS

HON. AUSTIN SCOTT

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 16, 2022

Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. Armond Morris of Irwin County for his retirement as Chairman of the Georgia Peanut Commission.

While farming for over 50 years, Armond has advocated for the peanut industry and farmers nationally and internationally. He served with the Georgia Peanut Commission for more than four decades and was chairman for 20 years. During his service, he led efforts to ensure that the U.S. peanut industry remained competitive against imports, worked toward improving federal policies, and fought off regulation and disease that would've been harmful to the industry. His outstanding dedication to our nation's peanut industry prioritized U.S. peanuts and grew the industry domestically.

As a senior member of the House Agriculture Committee, I am honored to represent outstanding farmers such as Armond. It is individuals like him that make Georgia, and America, great.

HAITI DEVELOPMENT, ACCOUNTABILITY, AND INSTITUTIONAL TRANSPARENCY INITIATIVE ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 9, 2022

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise to address the gravity of the cyber threat to our national security and critical infrastructure, especially as we face potential cyber threats from Russia following its horrific invasion of Ukraine. The Federal Government must know when vital sectors of our Nation are affected by cyber attacks, so that we may deploy the full resources of the Federal Government to respond to and mitigate these attacks.

Division Y of the bipartisan “Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022” will take significant steps to strengthen cybersecurity protections and ensure that the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, or CISA, is at the forefront of our Nation’s response to serious cyber attacks by requiring timely reporting of these attacks to the Federal Government so that we can better prevent future incidents and hold attackers accountable.

To be clear, Division Y of the Act, which is based on Rep. YVETTE D. CLARKE’s H.R. 5440, the “Cyber Incident Reporting for Critical Infrastructure Act of 2021,” and its Senate companion legislation (S. 2875) sponsored by Senator GARY C. PETERS, does not impede the FBI or other law enforcement investigations against perpetrators of attacks.

The plain text of Division Y makes Congress’s intent clear. Although the reports themselves—and any “communication[s], document[s], or material[s], or other record[s] created for the sole purpose of preparing, drafting or submitting” those reports—may not be received in evidence, the FBI and other law enforcement entities nevertheless may make full use of the information contained in such materials in their investigations of a cyber incident or for other purposes authorized by the statute. Likewise, additional facts developed in those investigations may be used to further those investigations or activities, including in ex parte or other proceedings. In other words, although the FBI cannot attach the report filed with CISA in a warrant application or submit it in evidence in a trial, it may, as appropriate, use information contained in the reports and derived from them for a range of purposes, including obtaining a warrant and prosecuting bad actors. Further, the legislative language also is not intended to prohibit or discourage entities from reporting to CISA and law enforcement concurrently.

The language of this division makes clear that the information may be used for cybersecurity or investigative purposes. In the new section 2245 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 created by this division, it clearly states that reports submitted to CISA under this provision can be used for “the purpose of preventing, investigating, disrupting, or prosecuting an offense arising out of a cyber incident reported pursuant to” the statute’s requirements or through voluntary reporting provisions.

Moreover, facts developed during an FBI investigation of a relevant cyber incident using

other authorities are not subject to the evidentiary restrictions found in section 2245(c)(3) of the statute, including similar facts that may also have been disclosed to the Federal Government in the report to CISA.

The FBI’s efforts to hold accountable, disrupt, or deter perpetrators of cyber attacks are fully consistent with the goal of encouraging entities to disclose cyber incidents. As stakeholders work through the rulemaking process, the committees of jurisdiction in both the House and the Senate look forward to working with them to ensure that congressional intent is not misinterpreted, and that this legislation is implemented as intended.

Mr. Speaker, the hard work of many of my colleagues went into the inclusion of this important legislation in the “Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022.” I want to thank especially Representatives CLARKE, JOHN KATKO, and ANDREW R. GARBARINO; and Senators PETERS, ROB PORTMAN, MARK R. WARNER, and SUSAN M. COLLINS.

RECOGNIZING SARA EGELSTON AKERS

HON. VAN TAYLOR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 16, 2022

Mr. TAYLOR. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize Sara Egelston Akers for a lifetime of service dedicated to fostering a love for the performing arts among the youth in our community.

In 1991, what began as a single production of “The Wizard of Oz” at a local church, would go on to become the profoundly impactful Plano Children’s Theatre (PCT), one of the first youth theaters dedicated to providing children from all backgrounds the opportunity to be on stage. Due to Sara’s efforts as the Theatre’s Founder and Executive Director, in time multiple performance theatres and rehearsal studios would be established across North Texas.

Among her most notable achievements during her tenure with PCT, Sara pioneered the use of drama as a means of therapy, paving the way for the widespread implementation of adaptive performing arts programs for students with disabilities.

Over the past three decades, Sara has been a vital contributor to Plano’s performing arts landscape. Following her executive role with PCT, Sarah went on to a serve as the Vice President of Community Outreach for North Texas Performing Arts (NTPA), where she oversaw fundraising, community outreach, and diversity efforts. Under her leadership, NTPA has become the largest youth theatre in the country impacting thousands of families.

For her many contributions within our community, Sara was recognized by the Plano Chamber of Commerce with the prestigious Athena Award, and the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Art Centre of Plano. In honor, NTPA has likewise established a “Sara Egelston Akers Legacy Fund” which will provide support for the organization’s scholarship initiatives.

Following her retirement this May, Sara will continue to serve as a teacher and director maintaining an active role in the NTPA’s Arts Advisory Council, Governing Board of Direc-

tor’s, and the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Task Force.

Ms. Sara Egelston Akers, a gifted educator, artist, and leader, has undoubtedly made a lasting impact on the North Texas community, and though she will be missed, her future is sure to be filled with many wonderful new opportunities.

As she prepares to embark on this next chapter of her life, I ask my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in honoring Sara Egelston Akers for her successful career devoted to promoting accessibility among youth in the performing arts.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE RETIREMENT OF KENNETH BICE

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 16, 2022

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the retirement of Kenneth Bice.

Kenneth was born in Anniston, Alabama, on November 28, 1944. He now resides in Ohatchee, Alabama, with Fran, his wife of 40 years. He has been blessed with five children, 12 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

After working with South Central Bell for 15 years, Kenneth saw an opportunity to start a ground-breaking telecommunication company in Anniston, Alabama. As the telecommunication industry began rapidly changing with new FCC rulings allowing companies and individuals to buy their own telephone equipment instead of renting, he seized this opportunity and founded Telephone Communications, Inc (TCI) in 1979. TCI now serves thousands of customers with their managed services in the telecom, security and IT services industries. This successful company is the first of many companies Kenneth would begin. Other companies he founded include: TelNet Corporation, Bice Enterprises, The Homestead & Liberty Square, Blue Signs, Yello Wireless, Smart Ink, BCR Corporation, PHR, Inc., KB’s Restaurant and Action Auto.

He has served his community over the years and been involved as a Graduate of Leadership Calhoun County, a member of the Calhoun County Chamber of Commerce, the Salvation Army Advisory Board, Anniston Main Street Board of Directors, Founder of Citizens for Safer Alabama, Calhoun County Economic Development Council, Colonial Bank Advisory Board, Board of Directors for the Berman Foundation Museum, Board member of Anniston Retail Commercial Development Authority, Founder of Alabama Long Distance Association, Volunteer fireman at Ohatchee Fire Department and active member of Oak Bowery Church where he currently serves as Sunday School Teacher and Chairman of Properties Committee.

He Received Small Business Leader of the Year for Calhoun County (1990, 1994) and Special Achievement Award from State of Alabama (1990).

Kenneth retired February 14, 2022 and will be honored March 29th with family and friends in Saks.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating my friend on his retirement and his tireless service to our community.

HONORING CHUCK FOWKE

HON. C. SCOTT FRANKLIN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 16, 2022

Mr. C. SCOTT FRANKLIN of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor one of my constituents, Mr. Chuck Fowke, a home builder and developer from Valrico, Florida, who on February 10th concluded his successful term as the 2021 chairman of the National Association of Home Builders.

As chairman, Chuck confronted the challenges he and his fellow builders faced during the COVID-19 pandemic head-on. His steady leadership at NAHB during the past year has paid great dividends as the housing industry has overcome new challenges.

Chuck provided a laser-like focus to keep housing moving forward by working with the administration and lawmakers on both sides of the aisle to resolve issues pertaining to the price and availability of building materials, and the supply chain in general. He personally testified before Congress on this issue in October, calling on lawmakers to determine what action can be taken to address our nation's troubled building materials supply chain.

These efforts are paying dividends. Chuck and the NAHB have been working tirelessly to reduce lumber tariffs that have contributed to unprecedented price volatility and harmed housing affordability. These efforts proved successful as the Commerce Department announced on Jan. 31st that it would be lowering tariffs on Canadian lumber imports into the U.S. from 17.99 percent to 11.64 percent—a 35 percent reduction.

As founder and president of Homes by John C. Fowke Inc., Chuck has built hundreds of homes throughout Central Florida and the Tampa Bay area. He is dedicated to his industry, having previously served as president of the Tampa Bay Builders Association and the Florida Home Builders Association. In 2019, he was inducted into the Florida Home Builders Association Hall of Fame.

Chuck also recognizes the importance of giving back to the community he's helped build, having served as chairman of the Charity Women's Crisis Center's Addition and Renovation Committee. He contributed to the efforts of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and the Joshua House and completed a project for the Gary Sinise Foundation for a deserving military widow and her children.

I congratulate Chuck on his efforts to ensure that housing remains accessible and affordable to America's families. I congratulate him on his successful tenure.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEPHANIE N. MURPHY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 16, 2022

Mrs. MURPHY of Florida. Madam Speaker, I was unable to vote on Roll Call Nos. 58 and 59 on March 7, 2022. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call Nos. 58 and 59.

HONORING THE KENTUCKY
SCIENCE CENTER'S 150TH ANNIVERSARY**HON. JOHN A. YARMUTH**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 16, 2022

Mr. YARMUTH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Kentucky Science Center—located in my hometown of Louisville, Kentucky—as this outstanding institution celebrates its 150th anniversary.

Originally founded in 1871 as a “cabinet of curiosities” in the Public Library System of Kentucky, what was soon known as the Louisville Museum of Natural History and Science has grown in size and scope to become the largest hands-on science center in the Commonwealth and one of our region's leading resources for education immersion.

Simply put, they make science fun. At the core of the Kentucky Science Center's mission are these simple instructions: “play, tinker, explore, collaborate, test, experiment, goof up, and try again.” Though their focus is helping teach their visitors about a specific field of study, I can't think of more fitting instructions for any endeavor of learning, no matter your age.

Their approach makes learning accessible to people from all walks of life. Whether you're an individual, a family, or an educator with a classroom full of students, the Kentucky Science Center has a seemingly never-ending supply of programming tailored to meet your needs, helping you think big and learn more. Understanding the important role STEM education plays in our future, the Kentucky Science Center has been an invaluable resource in advancing this field of study for all who are lucky to pass through its doors, helping us prepare the next generation of leaders right here in Louisville.

On behalf of the people of Kentucky's Third Congressional District, I thank the administrators, staff, volunteers, and supporters of the Kentucky Science Center for all of their hard work in making this place of learning such a valuable asset to our community. The Kentucky Science Center has encouraged us to think critically, to immerse ourselves in the marvels of science, and to stay forever curious. I congratulate them on this important milestone and I look forward to another 150 years.

HONORING BURLINGTON HIGH
SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM**HON. MARIANNETTE MILLER-MEEKS**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 16, 2022

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Burlington High School Boys Basketball Team for their first appearance in the Iowa High School State Tournament since 1987.

These extraordinary young men have worked tirelessly to hone their skills and overcome obstacles during this season. I am extremely honored to represent these young men in Congress and proud that their hard work was rewarded by an appearance in the

state tournament. I look forward to seeing this program continue to grow and develop and cannot wait to see more tournament appearances soon.

HONORING SERVICE OF MSGT
JOSHUA UPTON**HON. VICKY HARTZLER**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 16, 2022

Mrs. HARTZLER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Master Sgt. Joshua Upton, crew chief with the 131st Aircraft Maintenance Squadron. He has recently been selected as the 131st Bomb Wing's Maintainer of the Year.

Master Sgt. Joshua Upton has distinguished himself as an essential leader in the B-2 mission, providing both hard work and high performance while stationed and deployed. He was awarded with an incentive flight in a B-2 Spirit bomber on January 9th. Sgt. Upton's leadership as an aircraft-dedicated crew chief has led to the execution of 18 sorties and 145.9 flying hours in support of 16 higher headquarters missions.

Aircraft mechanics are essential to the maintenance, safety, and success of our Armed Forces. Without their long hours of hard work and commitment to detail, these sorties would not be possible. Mechanical teams and their crew chiefs work each day around the clock to ensure constant readiness for military aircraft that are vital to our national defense. Our adversaries never rest and neither do our aircraft maintenance squadrons.

It is a great honor that I recognize the dedicated service of Master Sgt. Joshua Upton. His steadfast leadership and continuous devotion to each mission are part of what make our military the best in the world. I am proud of his accomplishment and his team of aircraft maintenance technicians for earning this recognition. Please join me in congratulating him for his dedicated service to our Nation.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE SERVICE
OF JONATHAN B. HOTCHKISS TO
THE NEW HAMPSHIRE FARM MU-
SEUM**HON. CHRIS PAPPAS**

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 16, 2022

Mr. PAPPAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Jonathan B. Hotchkiss's long history of volunteerism and nearly 20 years of service to the New Hampshire Farm Museum in Milton, NH. For the past two decades, Jonathan has served his community as a steadfast supporter of New Hampshire agriculture and culture.

Jon worked with the Farm Museum in a variety of capacities including the facility maintenance, cost-saving program development, grant writing, reenactments, and as both a member and President of the Board of Trustees. He worked tirelessly to develop community and business relationships that enabled the museum to become more organized, creative and financially stable.

As public health precautions during the coronavirus pandemic caused many institutions to close their doors to the public for prolonged periods of times and face financial hardship. Due to Jon's hard work developing the museum's innovative cost-saving program, the Farm Museum gained a financial stability that has helped it weather the continuing pandemic.

Prior to 1900, nearly 90 percent of New Hampshire residents lived on a farm. Our state's history is deeply tied to its agriculture and Jonathan's commitment to the preservation of this history is commendable.

On behalf of my constituents in New Hampshire's First Congressional District, I want to thank Jonathan for his continued dedication to the Granite State and wish him the best as he transitions from his work with the museum.

IN RECOGNITION OF TEMPLE
ISRAEL OF SCRANTON'S 100TH
ANNIVERSARY

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 16, 2022

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Madam Speaker, today I honor Temple Israel of Scranton and its congregation who will be celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Temple's founding June 10–12, 2022. The congregation was organized in July 1921, but the celebration to mark this joyous occasion was postponed because of the COVID–19 pandemic.

On July 14, 1921, a group of Jews gathered at the YMCA in response to urging by their peers to establish a modern synagogue in the City of Scranton. The result of that founders meeting was Temple Israel, a synagogue that “would comply with the thoughts of the American Jew and would be conducted in accordance with the best traditions of Judaism.” On September 21, 1921, Rabbi Alfred H. Kahn was installed as the first rabbi. During the final months of 1921, a Hebrew School was organized, the Temple was granted its charter, and the constitution and by-laws of the Temple were adopted.

On April 11, 1923, plans to build a new Temple began, and a committee to oversee the process was formed with Isadore Finkelstein as chairman. Over the next three years, the committee drafted a report, raised funds, approved architectural plans, and hired contractors. On May 18, 1926, they broke ground for the new Temple, and on September 11, 1927, Rabbi Max Arzt dedicated the Temple in the afternoon and an evening banquet followed. The celebrations continued throughout the week with a Hebrew School Night, Ladies' Auxiliary Night, Open House Night, the Dedication Ball, and culminated with religious services on Friday and Saturday.

Rabbi Arzt, who served Temple Israel from 1924 to 1939 before joining the faculty of the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York City, was not the only prominent clergy member to lead the congregation. Other distinguished clergy include Rabbis Simon Shoop and David Geffen and Cantor William S. Horn, who served 50 years as cantor and youth in-

structor for the Temple Israel Junior Congregation and Hebrew School, which educated thousands of Scranton's Jewish youths over the past 100 years.

Today, Temple Israel remains the only Conservative Synagogue in Lackawanna County and boasts a vibrant and welcoming congregation in the heart of the City of Scranton. Rabbi Miriam Spitzer, one of the first female rabbis, and Cantor Vladimir Aronzon, who has served for more than two decades, are the Temple's current clergy. They, along with the dedicated volunteers who serve as officers and on the board of directors, work tirelessly to foster an environment and community to meet the spiritual, educational, and social needs of their members.

I am honored to join with Rabbi Spitzer and the entire Temple Israel congregation in celebrating 100 years of worship in the City of Scranton. Temple Israel has been an essential part of the Scranton community and Lackawanna County at large as a center for Jewish thought, learning, and worship. This multigenerational congregation that celebrates diversity, spirituality, and community has welcomed countless worshipers over the years, and I know it will continue to be a beacon of Jewish faith and tradition for many generations to come.

GRAYSON FOX

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 16, 2022

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Grayson Fox for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Grayson Fox is a student at Pomona High School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Grayson Fox is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Grayson Fox for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassador for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

RECOGNIZING MR. SCOTTY RAINES

HON. AUSTIN SCOTT

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 16, 2022

Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Scotty Raines of Turner County for being named the 2022 Georgia Farmer of the Year.

Scotty is a lifelong contributor to the agriculture industry. After high school, he was an

active member of the Turner County High School FFA chapter and worked as a farm technician for Agra Tech Seed Research. He began farming full-time in 1993, partnering with his father-in-law on 500 acres of rented land and establishing a personal herd of 30 beef cows. Scotty has spent 28 years expanding and diversifying his farming operation, emphasizing marketing strategies related to the cotton, corn, peanuts, and watermelons he produces on more than 2,300 acres today. His contributions to the local community and outstanding agricultural achievements have not gone unnoticed.

As a senior member of the House Agriculture Committee, I am honored to represent outstanding farmers such as Scotty. It is individuals like him that make Georgia, and America, great.

RECOGNIZING MIKE SCHULTZ OF
ST. CLOUD, MINNESOTA

HON. TOM EMMER

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 16, 2022

Mr. EMMER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mike Schultz of St. Cloud, Minnesota, for his participation in the 2022 Winter Paralympics. Mike competed for Team USA in the Men's Snowboard Cross and Banked Slalom races.

Mike has not only inspired other athletes with his diligent training and perseverance, but he started his own company to design high-performance lower limb prosthetics for other amputees to participate in competitive sports and activities.

His dedication has paid off. Congratulations to Mike for bringing home a silver medal for Men's Snowboard Cross and coming in fifth for Men's Banked Slalom. I am proud to count such an amazing athlete and innovator among my constituents in the Sixth District.

IN RECOGNITION OF JACKSONVILLE
HIGH SCHOOL BOYS' BASKETBALL 4A STATE TITLE

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 16, 2022

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Jacksonville High School boys' basketball team for winning the AHSAA Class 4A state title.

On March 4, 2022, The Jacksonville Golden Eagles played fast and left no doubt as to who deserves to be state champion, beating Escambia County 85 to 49 to secure their title win. The game was played at Legacy Arena in Birmingham, Alabama.

Cade Phillips was named tournament MVP. This was head coach Shane Morrow's first year and the Golden Eagles' first basketball state title.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating Coach Morrow, the basketball team, students, faculty and all the fans. Go Golden Eagles.

JAPANESE AMERICAN WORLD WAR
II HISTORY NETWORK ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 15, 2022

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 6434, the Japanese American WWII History Network Act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish, within the National Park Service, the Japanese American World War II History Network.

We must never forget the maltreatment that these Americans endured.

The establishment of this network would educate generations to come on past racial injustices in our country, in an effort to avoid future prejudice.

The Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, marked the United States' official entrance into World War II.

Two months later, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed Executive Order 9066, which ordered 120,000 people of Japanese descent to be forcibly removed from their homes and placed in internment camps, based on the widespread suspicion that they were acting as foreign agents.

The belief was baseless, but that didn't stop the War Relocation Authority from rounding up more than 120,000 people—two-thirds of whom were U.S. citizens.

Japanese Americans were interned and essentially treated as prisoners.

After decades of pressure from the Japanese American League (JACL) and the Japanese American community, President Jimmy Carter opened an investigation to determine if the imprisonment of these people was justified by the government.

The investigation found virtually no evidence of Japanese disloyalty and concluded that the mass incarceration of Japanese Americans was a product of abject racism.

In 1988, over 40 years after the internment camps closed, President Ronald Reagan signed the Civil Liberties Act, which offered a formal apology for the government's policy toward Japanese Americans and paid \$20,000 in compensation to each of the 80,000 living survivors.

The reparations granted to the survivors and the official apology were necessary for our country to move past this grave racial injustice.

It must be noted that, just as our government recognized that reparations to the Japanese American community was necessary to acknowledge and move beyond that injustice, America's original racist tragedy must be similarly addressed.

On July 30, 2008 the U.S. House of Representatives passed H. Res. 194 apologizing for American slavery and subsequent discriminatory laws.

The Senate has never passed a resolution, and no reparations have been granted.

Millions of Africans and their descendants were enslaved in the United States from 1619 through 1865.

Slavery in America resembled no other form of involuntary servitude known in history, as Africans were captured and sold at auction like inanimate objects or animals.

Africans forced into slavery were brutalized, humiliated, dehumanized, and subjected to the

indignity of being stripped of their names and heritage.

In 2022, the passage of H.R. 40 is essential to solving the deep racial, economic, social, and cultural divides in America.

Now more than ever, the facts and circumstances facing our nation demonstrate the importance of H.R. 40 and the necessity of placing our nation on the path to reparative justice.

By passing H.R. 40, Congress can start a movement toward the national reckoning that we need in order to bridge racial divides.

Reparations are ultimately about respect and reconciliation and the hope that someday, all Americans can walk together toward a more just future.

We owe it to the millions of Americans who were born into bondage, knew a life of servitude, and died anonymous deaths, as prisoners of this system.

We owe it to the millions of descendants of these slaves, for they are the heirs to a society of inequities and indignities that naturally filled the vacuum after slavery was formally abolished 154 years ago.

Madam Speaker, the establishment of the Japanese American WWII History Network would represent much more than just a resource that will educate on inequality and brutality in America.

It represents Americans moving past injustices and honoring those who were once victims of racial discrimination in our country.

I urge my colleagues to vote in favor of H.R. 6434, the Japanese American WWII History Network.

RECOGNIZING PROSPER MAYOR
RAY SMITH**HON. VAN TAYLOR**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 16, 2022

Mr. TAYLOR. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize Ray Smith as he prepares to depart his longtime service as the steadfast Mayor of Prosper, Texas.

A 1981 graduate of Baylor University, Ray earned a Bachelor of Business Administration in Marketing and Real Estate. During his time at Baylor, Ray, the son of a former Dallas Cowboy, would passionately pursue football as a member of the renowned 1980 Southwest Conference Champion Football Team.

Smith began his career in public service in Frisco, Texas where he served as a member of the City Council, Economic Development Corporation, Community Development Corporation, Planning & Zoning Board, Frisco Education Foundation, and as a volunteer firefighter during a period of unprecedented growth.

In 2004, Ray was appointed the President of the Prosper Economic Development Corporation where he continues to serve as council liaison. In 2005, Ray and his family would relocate to the Town of Prosper where he would plant deep roots and play an integral role in the town's early development. Following his service on Town Council, Ray was elected Mayor in 2010.

Over the past twelve years, Mayor Smith's leadership has helped cultivate the town's rapid but intentional growth. By managing the

town in a manner that focuses on the long-term wellbeing of its residents, Smith has worked to implement needed structural improvements while preserving neighborhood greenspace. During his tenure, the community has tripled in growth, and new residents are frequently known to receive Smith's personally signed welcome letter—a trademark of the affable leader.

In addition to his many leadership roles on numerous boards, councils, and committees, in 2016 Ray was elected to serve on the North Central Texas Council of Governments Executive Board and was elected President of the Board in 2020. He is currently the Chair of the Collin College Foundation Board of Directors, a member of the Meals on Wheels of Collin County Advisory Board, and an Alternate Member of the Regional Transportation Council.

While Ray's many efforts have undoubtedly made a lasting impact on the region, his greatest achievement is his family. Ray and his wife of 31 years, Lena, were blessed with three sons and two grandsons, Jacob and Jackson, whom they are helping to raise.

Ray Smith has undoubtedly made a lasting impact on the Prosper community, and while his tenure as Mayor is coming to a close, he will certainly continue to forge a tremendous legacy. As he prepares to begin a new chapter of his life, I ask my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Ray Smith for his selfless and dedicated service.

CASSIDY BOGGUS

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 16, 2022

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Cassidy Boggus for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Cassidy Boggus is a student at Ralston Valley High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Cassidy Boggus is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Cassidy Boggus for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassador for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose

of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, March 17, 2022 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

MARCH 21

11 a.m.

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Ketanji Brown Jackson, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States.

SH-216

MARCH 22

9 a.m.

Committee on the Judiciary

To continue hearings to examine the nomination of Ketanji Brown Jackson, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States.

SH-216

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of William A. LaPlante, Jr., of Massachusetts, to be Under Secretary for Acquisition and Sustainment, and Erik Kristopher Raven, of the District of Columbia, to be Under Secretary of the Navy, both of the Department of Defense, Musetta Tia Johnson, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces, and Marvin L. Adams, of Texas, to be Deputy Administrator for Defense Programs, National Nuclear Security Administration, Department of Energy.

SD-G50

10 a.m.

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

To hold hearings to examine rural quality of life, focusing on opportunities and challenges for the rural care economy.

SD-562/VTC

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Business meeting to consider S. 1541, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to require the Federal Communications Commission to ensure just and reasonable charges for telephone and advanced communications services in correctional and detention facilities, S. 3014, to establish the Next Generation Telecommunications Council, S. 3262, to improve the efficient movement of freight at ports in the United States, S. 3278, to protect children and other con-

sumers against hazards associated with the accidental ingestion of button cell or coin batteries by requiring the Consumer Product Safety Commission to promulgate a consumer product safety standard to require child-resistant closures on consumer products that use such batteries, S. 3296, to require the TSA to develop a plan to ensure that TSA material disseminated in major airports can be better understood by more people accessing such airports, S. 3405, to require the Federal Communications Commission to issue a rule providing that certain low power television stations may be accorded primary status as Class A television licensees, S. 3434, to commission a study relating to the manufacturing programs of the Department of Commerce, S. 3580, to amend title 46, United States Code, with respect to prohibited acts by ocean common carriers or marine terminal operators, S. 3662, to temporarily increase the cost share authority for aqueous film forming foam input-based testing equipment, S. 3664, to assist in the conservation of the North Atlantic right whale by supporting and providing financial resources for North Atlantic right whale conservation programs and projects of persons with expertise required for the conservation of North Atlantic right whales, S. 3785, to amend title 49, United States Code, to eliminate the restriction on veterans concurrently serving in the Offices of Administrator and Deputy Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration, S. 3817, to improve the forecasting and understanding of tornadoes and other hazardous weather, and routine lists in the Coast Guard.

SR-253

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine child care and preschool, focusing on cutting costs for working families.

SD-430

10:15 a.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine building a resilient economy, focusing on shoring up supply.

SD-538

MARCH 23

9 a.m.

Committee on the Judiciary

To continue hearings to examine the nomination of Ketanji Brown Jackson, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States.

SH-216

10 a.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine developing next generation technology for innovation.

SR-253

Committee on Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine promoting American energy security by facili-

tating investments and innovation in climate solutions.

SD-406

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine strengthening Federal mental health and substance use disorder programs, focusing on opportunities, challenges, and emerging issues.

SD-430

Special Committee on Aging

To hold hearings to examine the importance of home-based services, focusing on an economy that cares.

SD-562

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Indian Affairs

To hold hearings to examine S. 1397, to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to the collection and availability of health data with respect to Indian Tribes and Tribal organizations, S. 3168, to amend the White Mountain Apache Tribe Water Rights Quantification Act of 2010 to modify the enforceability date for certain provisions, S. 3308, to authorize the Colorado River Indian Tribes to enter into lease or exchange agreements and storage agreements relating to water of the Colorado River allocated to the Colorado River Indian Tribes, S. 3443, to extend Federal recognition to the MOWA Band of Choctaw Indians, S. 3773, to authorize the leases of up to 99 years for land held in trust for the Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation, and S. 3789, to amend the Native American Tourism and Improving Visitor Experience Act to authorize grants to Indian tribes, tribal organizations, and Native Hawaiian organizations.

SD-628

3 p.m.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine improving the VA's Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers.

SR-418

MARCH 24

9 a.m.

Committee on the Judiciary

To continue hearings to examine the nomination of Ketanji Brown Jackson, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States.

SH-216

MARCH 29

10 a.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine the strategic importance of the Freely Associated States to the United States and our allies in the Indo-Pacific region, including the Compacts of Free Association with the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau.

SD-366